

LA QUEST PROGRAM

The LA (Language Arts) Quest Program was created in 2001, spawning from our belief that the study of English as a second language is an ongoing process. In our experience, we have seen many ESL students excited about studying English when they first arrive in the United States, because of their strong desire to communicate. After the first year, however, we have seen these same students become bored and frustrated with their studies, because they failed to have a vision or goal for themselves.

The LA Quest Program is yearlong, and typically begins at the start of the academic school year. It covers four areas of Language Arts: Vocabulary, Writing, Reading, and Listening and Responding. It is an optional program, and students who choose to take on this challenge, select one of the possible achievement levels: Certificate, Medallion, and Trophy. Each level requires students to complete projects in each of the four areas of Language Arts that are part of the program. At the end of the program, students receive a certificate, medallion, or trophy at the annual awards ceremony and barbeque event. We believe that this program fosters a sense of camaraderie and healthy competition among the students, thus motivating and encouraging them to continue to improve their language arts skills.

